actions towards relief, mitigation and regulatory measures are planned and taken up by the respective agencies of Central and State Government.

Effect on marine life

1151. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ambitious India mission, the launch of INSAT-4C failed as GSLV-F02 deviated from its flight path;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and causes of the mishap; and

(c) the details of areas where debris fell and its effect on marine life, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The second operational flight of GSLV, the GSLV-F02, carrying INSAT-4C took place from SDSC-SHAR on 10th July, 2006. After 45 seconds into flight, the vehicle started deviating significantly from its nominal flight path causing severe aerodynamic loads, which resulted in its subsequent break-up at about 65 seconds. A Failure Analysis Committee has been set up with experts from ISRO, academia and national research laboratory to ascertain the reasons of failure. The Committee is expected to submit its findings within on month.

(c) The debris of the vehicle fell into the sea within a distance of 6—8 km. from the launch site. There is no effect on marine life.

Restructuring of bridges on NHs

1152. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways administration has recommended the restructuring of 11 bridges on National Highway-17, which are on the verge of collapse;

(b) if so, the reasons for this state of the bridges;

(c) the funds earmarked by Government for this job; and

(d) by when the work thereon is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There are 12 bridges, 11 in Karnataka and One in Kerala on NH-17, which are in distressed conditions and require rehabilitation. For one bridge in Kerala, proposal for rehabilitation has already been sanctioned and work is in

progress. For remaining 11 bridges in Karnataka, proposal for rehabilitation forwarded by the State PWD were not found to be as per site requirements and the State PWD has been requested to modify the proposal to be in line with the site requirements. The modified proposals have not been received.

(b) These bridges are very old, constructed about 50 years back, and being very close to the sea, are exposed to saline conditions. The plying of overloaded vehicles on these bridges has also contributed towards the distressed condition of these bridges.

(c) and (d) There is a provision of Rs. 2.00 crores in the Annual Plan 2006-07 for the rehabilitation of distressed bridges. The time for completion will be known after the sanction of proposals.

Earth Station at Gulbarga and Belgaum

1153. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of an Earth Station and Incubation Centre in Gulbarga and Belgaum is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) to (c) Government of Karnataka had requested for setting up of two Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centres at Gulbarga and Belgaum. Government of India has agreed for setting up of STPI centre at Gulbarga.

For setting up of STPI centre at Gulbarga, the State Government has to make available 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 crore to STPI.

Work contracts to outside contractors in Assam

1154. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work contracts in Assam are given to outside contractors who in turn give sub-contracts to the local people for the execution of works;

(b) if so, the reasons for work contracts not being given by NBCC to the local contractors from Assam; and

(c) the present status of the project works undertaken by NBCC in Assam?